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Experience Civil War history first hand with a special oneweekend-only free exhibit in downtown Charleston

The National Park Service will host a special exhibit at the Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center over the weekend of Friday-Sunday, August 15-17, 2003. PNJW Collections present an exhibit featuring original 19th century items, including men's and women's clothing and shoes, hats, bonnets, jewelry, currency, photographs and more.

PNJW Collections has presented their exhibit at many national park sites including Kennesaw National Battlefield Park and Fort Donelson National Battlefield. This is the second showing of the exhibit in Charleston and features brand new items never displayed before at any venue. Collection owners Phillip and Janine Whiteman will be on hand all weekend to answer questions, explain items in detail and interpret 19th century fashion and etiquette. Unlike most museum collections, photography is welcomed.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center, located in downtown Charleston at the intersection of Calhoun and Concord Streets, is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please call (843) 577-0242 for more information.

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